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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

Monday, 23 December 2002

[No meetings are scheduled at Headquarters on Monday, 23 December 2002.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Monday, 23 December 2002

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

Forthcoming official meetings

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations

The Committee will hold its resumed 2002 session from 8 to 24 January 2003 in Conference Room 4. The agenda of the 2002 session is contained in document E/C.2/2002/1. Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend, are kindly requested to advise the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Otto Gustafik, of the composition of their delegations (room S-2950F; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

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Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

Pre-session informal consultations

The Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will hold pre-session informal consultations on all matters before the first regular session 2003 on Tuesday, 7 January 2003, from 10 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

First regular session 2003

The first regular session 2003 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 20 January, to Friday, 24 January 2003, in Conference Room 2. The duration and venue for the joint session of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA and of UNICEF, with the participation of WFP, will be announced as soon as the information becomes available.

The provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2003/L.1. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

Delegations, as well as observers, are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (1 (212) 906-5634) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 13 January 2003.

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its first regular session (13 to 17 January 2003) will take place on Wednesday, 8 January 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/2. All delegations are invited to attend.

First regular session for 2003

The first regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 13 to 17 January 2003 in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/2. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 10 January 2003.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

Other meetings

The information below is reproduced as received and does not imply any opinion or endorsement by the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Special meeting on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the least developed countries

There will be a meeting with Mr. Anwarul K. Chowdhury, Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Samll Island Developing States, Ms. Yvette Stevens, Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries (OSCAL), and representatives of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development, to discuss the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the least developed countries. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7 January 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Sylvia Gaymar (tel. 1 (212) 963-9077).

Announcements

Commission for Social Development

Background information for the forty-first session of the Commission for Social Development (New York, 10-21 February 2003) is available for pick-up outside room DC-2 1370. Further information can also be obtained from the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/2003.htm.

Disarmament Commission

The Bureau of the United Nations Disarmament Commission informs Member States that the deadline for the proposals, comments and other written submissions for the Chairpersons' working papers has been set for 30 January 2003. The submissions for the working paper on ways and means to achieve nuclear disarmament (Working Group I (Mr. Yaw Odei Osei, Chairman) should be addressed to Mr. Timur Alasaniya (room S-2977G; fax 1 (212) 963-5305; tel. 1 (212) 963-5143). Submissions for the Working Paper on practical confidence-building measures in the field of of conventional arms should be addressed directly to the Chairperson of Working Group II, Mrs. Gabriela Martinic, Permanent Mission of Argentina (fax 1 (212) 980-8395; tel. 1 (212) 212-688-6300, ext. 226).

At the informal meeting held on Wednesday, 11 December 2002, the Chairperson of Working Group II dealing with agenda item 5 (Practical confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms) of the Disarmament Commission distributed the additional information provided by delegations on documents and meetings on existing confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms. Copies of the information are available at the Department of Disarmament Affairs, as well as with the Chairperson, Ms. Gabriela Martinic (Permanent Mission of Argentina (tel. 1 (212) 688-6300, ext. 226)).

Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court

The Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court will resume its first session at United Nations Headquarters from 3 to 7 February and from 21 to 23 April 2003.

Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to rule 93 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly of States Parties, non-governmental organizations invited to the Rome Conference, registered to the Preparatory Commission for the International Criminal Court, or having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, whose activities are relevant to the activities of the Court and other non-governmental organizations invited by the Assembly may, through their designated representatives, *inter alia,* attend meetings of the Assembly. Accordingly, non-governmental organizations eligible for accreditation may submit directly, or through the Coalition for an International Criminal Court, a written request with the names of their representatives to attend the resumed sessions of the Assembly. These requests should be addressed to Ms. Mona Khalil, Legal Officer, Office of the Legal Counsel (room S-3420B; or fax 1 (212) 963-6430), at the latest by Wednesday, 22 January 2003.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 4 December 2002, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Friday, 20 December 2002

Security Council

4677th meeting

Wrap-up discussion on the work of the Security Council for the current month

Letter dated 19 December 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2002/1387)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council heard statements from the representatives of Mauritius, Ireland, Singapore, Norway, the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Colombia, Guinea, the Russian Federation, the United States, China, Cameroon, the Syrian Arab Republic, Bulgaria, Mexico, the United Kingdom and France.

4678th meeting

Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorists acts

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2002/1384, which had been prepared in the course of the Council's prior consultations.

The Council proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2002/1384) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1384) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1452 (2002).

4679th meeting

Protection of civilians in armed conflict

Report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on the protection of civilians in armed conflict (S/2002/1300)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2002/41).

4680th meeting

The situation in Côte d'Ivoire

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2002/42).

4681st meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Israel, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 20 December 2002 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2001/1395), requesting an invitation to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2002/1385, submitted by the Syrian Arab Republic.

Before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2002/1385) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2002/1385) received 12 votes in favour, one against (the United States of America), 2 abstentions (Bulgaria and Cameroon), and was not adopted, owing to the negative vote of a permanent member of the Council.

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Bulgaria, Norway, France, Ireland and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Israel made a statement.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

78th and 79th plenary meetings

The summary of the 78th and 79th plenary meetings of the General Assembly will appear in an addendum to the present issue of the Journal (No. 2002/248/Add.1).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Coffee Agreement 2001. London, 28 September 2000

Accession: Central African Republic (19 December 2002)[1]

Ratification: Germany (20 December 2002)[1]

Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Kyoto, 11 December 1997

Ratification: New Zealand (19 December 2002)[1]

Corrections to the Amendments to Annexes A and B of the European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR), as amended. 19 December 2002

Acceptance of the proposed corrections to the amendments to annexes A and B, as amended: (19 December 2002)

Convention on biological diversity. Rio de Janeiro, 5 June 1992

Ratification: Tuvalu (20 December 2002)[1]

Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. Rotterdam, 10 September 1998

Approval: European Community (20 December 2002)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Gabon
H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka

Asian States:
Japan
H.E. Mr. Koichi Haraguchi

Eastern European States:
Armenia
H.E. Mr. Movses Abelian

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Venezuela
H.E. Mr. Milos Alcalay

Western European and other States:
Sweden
H.E. Mr. Pierre Schori

Web sites

President of the General Assembly:
www.un.org/ga/president

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www.un.org/arabic/ga/57
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www.un.org/spanish/aboutun/organs/ga/57

Presidency of the Security Council:
www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency
www.colombiaun.org

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism:
www.un.org/arabic/documents/SCCommittees/1373
www.un.org/chinese/aboutun/prinorgs/sc/committees/1373/1373.htm
www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373
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www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html

Economic and Social Council:
www.un.org/esa/coordination/ecosoc

Danish Presidency of the European Union:
www.un.int/denmark
http://europa-eu-un.org

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 20 December 2002.

Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records** *Fifty-seventh session*
A/57/PV.28	Meeting held on 14 October 2002, 3 p.m. [Arabic]
General Assembly	**Documents** *Fifty-seventh session*
A/57/622	*Items 122 and 126* – Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services – Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations – Follow-up review of the status of recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on mission liquidation activities at the United Nations – Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.23/Rev.1/Add.1	*Item 22 (d)* – Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe – 52-Power revised draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.27/Rev.1/Add.1	*Item 38* – The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development – 32-Power revised draft resolution – United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.57/Add.1	*Item 21 (b)* – Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions – 77-Power draft resolution – Emergency humanitarian assistance to Ethiopia [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.58/Add.1	*Item 168* – International Year of Rice, 2004 – 44-Power revised draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/57/L.72*	Reissued for technical reasons [C E F R S only]
A/57/L.72**	Reissued for technical reasons [F only]
A/57/L.74	*Item 52* – Strengthening of the United Nations system – Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly – Strengthening of the United Nations system: an agenda for further change [A C E F R S]
Security Council	**Documents**
S/2002/1338	Letter dated 16 December 2002 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2002/1355	Letter dated 10 December 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

S/2002/1375	Letter dated 16 December 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2002/1387	Letter dated 19 December 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/4676	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia
S/AC.29/2002/39	Note verbale dated 15 November 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]
	Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999)
S/AC.37/2002/80	Note verbale dated 12 December 2002 from the Permanent Mission of Oman to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Statistical Commission
Thirty-fourth session

E/CN.3/2003/7	Demographic and Social Statistics: Social statistics – Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
E/CN.3/2003/23	Activities not classified by field: Statistical capacity-building – Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Communications to the Editor

Material for inclusion in the *Journal* may be sent to room S-2370 (tel. 1 (212) 963-3888, 963-6771 and 963-6776; fax 1 (212) 963-4790; e-mail journal@un.org).

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